

Strike Covers Entire Country, But Companies Declare Situation Better

DECLINE PROFFER OF ARBITRATION

Telegraph Companies
Declare Situation is
Improving.

ALL ITS OFFICES ANSWER CALLS

Telegraph Companies Have
Nothing to Arbitrate Say Of-
ficials—Striking Organiza-
tion Willing to Submit
to "Sincere Arbitra-
tion."

NEW YORK, August 13.—From the viewpoint of the employers of telegraph operators, the strike situation tonight was declared to be improving hourly, and the officials of both the Western Union and the Postal Telegraph companies announced themselves to be more than satisfied with the progress that had been made during the early hours of the night toward the restoration of wire communications throughout the country.

These officials were frank to admit that some surprise was occasioned by the action of their operators in additional cities going out to-day, but declared that none of the day's strikers left them with an entirely crippled force.

These statements on behalf of the companies were declared to be based on reports from all over the country. The officials of the Telegraphers' Union, on the other hand, expressed confidence and satisfaction with the progress of the strike.

In New York at a meeting of the Wall Street chapter of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union late this afternoon, it was decided to present a demand to-morrow for a contract for a minimum weekly wage scale of thirty dollars. The Wall Street chapter had about 500 members, all men who operate brokers' leased wires in this and nearby cities. The proposed contract is to run for one year, but no time limit was set for its signature.

Companies Standing Pat.
M. J. Reagan, State Secretary of the Department of Labor of the State of New York, offered his good offices to bring about a settlement. Mr. Reagan called on the officials of both the big telegraph companies, General Superintendent Brooks of the Western Union, declared his company had nothing to arbitrate, and Mr. Nally, of the Postal, made practically the same reply.

Joseph P. Ahearn, president of the local union, said that he had told Mr. Reagan that the operators were perfectly willing to submit their case to "sincere arbitration."

General Superintendent Brooks, of the Western Union, said to-night after receiving late reports from all divisions: "The Western Union is practically on a normal basis to-night."

Statements of Officials.
"The New York office answers to 1,500 offices direct, and to-day and to-night not a single call from one of these offices has been unanswered, and without delay at that. We have now on duty more operators than we actually need, and so far as my report from all over the country is concerned, it is true of all other divisions."

E. J. Nally, vice-president and general manager of the Postal Telegraph company, said: "We have had in the New York office to-day up to 5 o'clock this afternoon 33,551 messages, exclusive of press matter, and when it is remembered that the normal traffic of our office is approximately 45,000 messages per day, you can judge for yourself the situation in this office."

Precy Thomas, deputy national president of the Telegraphers' Union, said: "Twenty-six cities in the United States and Canada struck to-day. The situation to-night is satisfactory in every way to national officers."

The Associated Press wires were working to-night as usual. The entire force of day operators in the New York office reported to-night that they remained at their keys until late in the afternoon, when a special order directing them to go out was made by the president of the local union. Three men obeyed the call.

WASHINGTON IS ISOLATED POINT

Hardly More Than Twenty Per
Cent of Usual Force Is
Working.

BY WALTER EDWARD HARRIS.
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 13.—While the management of the Western Union and the Postal Telegraph companies are exceedingly unconcerned on strike in Washington, it is evident that the city is pretty well isolated so far as the rest of the country is concerned. It is believed that only about fifteen of the seventy-five Western Union operators are working, and about five operators are handling the keys at the Postal.

In addition to the strike of operators, both the Postal and Western Union have to contend with a strike of messenger boys, although the demand for messengers is obviously small, since there are so few messages to be delivered. It was stated to-day that every one of the fifty messengers at the Western Union was on strike, and that only three boys were working at the Postal.

In at least one instance, a Western Union boy who had been brought in to help break the strike had to be guarded from the attacks of the juvenile strikers while he was delivering his messages.

William W. Beattie, of this city, vice-president of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, stated to-day that he felt confident the men would win their fight, for the reason that there was plenty of money in the treasury of the union. It is asserted that the operators have a fund of \$2,000,000 in their treasury, which will be drawn upon to support the strikers and their families until the trouble is adjusted. One of the operators said to-day that the strike promised to be long drawn out.

"The companies will not yield readily," he said, "the men are equally determined and the money is available to live on while waiting for their demands to be granted."



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ROOT AND BACON MEET BANKERS

Secretary Seeking to Ascertain
Existing Conditions in Fi-
nancial Circles.

IS ACTING FOR PRESIDENT

Official Refuses to Discuss Two-
Hours' Conference and Part-
ially Denies It.

NEW YORK, August 13.—Secretary of State Root and Assistant Secretary Bacon and a number of prominent bankers held a conference in a New York banking house to-day. It is understood that Mr. Root obtained from the bankers their views on the railroad and monetary situation, with the view of informing President Roosevelt of the existing conditions in financial circles.

Those who are said to have conferred with Secretary Root were James Stillman, president of the National City Bank, of this city; three other bank presidents and two railroad presidents. Each of them was summoned by telephone to meet Mr. Root absolutely. The conference lasted two hours, after which the conferees departed. None of those present would discuss the developments of the conference.

Secretary of State Root came to Oyster Bay late this afternoon. He spent a greater part of the day in New York. On his arrival he denied absolutely the widely published report that he had been in conference with a number of New York bankers in the office of J. P. Morgan and Company.

"There is absolutely no foundation for the rumor. I have had no conference with Morgan and Company or with any other New York bankers or with any one else."

The secretary, who was accompanied by Mrs. Root, went at once to Sagamore Hill, where he will remain over night.

HAU'S ATTORNEY STILL FIGHTING

Counsel for Condemned Man to
Prosecute Frau Molitor for
Perjury.

CARLSRUHE, August 13.—Counsel for Karl Hau, formerly of Washington, D. C., under sentence of death for the murder of his mother-in-law, Frau Molitor, have entered a motion to prosecute Fraulein Olga Molitor, the deceased woman's daughter, for perjury, because her lawyer had given out a statement in her behalf, saying that she saw the person who shot her mother and he convinced that it was Hau, whereas she repeatedly answered the judge's inquiries during the trial by saying she did not recognize the murderer and had no idea of his identity.

BARRINGTON IS GIVEN HIS LIFE

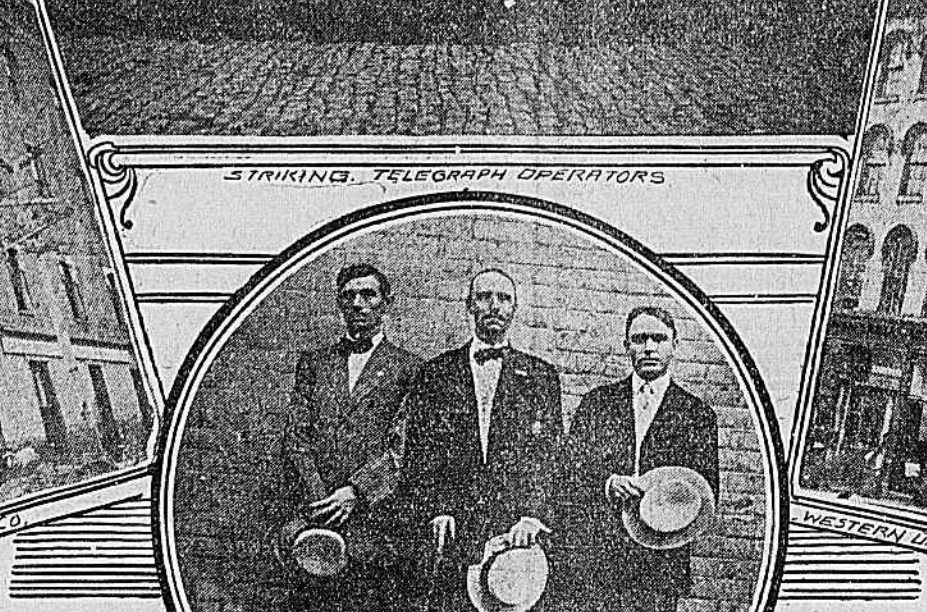
Bogus British Lord, Convicted
of Murder, Gets Life
Term.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO., August 13.—Governor Folk announced to-day that the sentence of "Lord" Frederick Seymour Barrington is commuted to life imprisonment.

Barrington was sentenced to be executed at Clayton August 26th for the murder of James McCann, June 18, 1902. McCann's mutilated body was found in a stone quarry and Barrington was convicted solely on circumstantial evidence. He has always declared that McCann is still alive.



STRIKING TELEGRAPH OPERATORS



WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO.

MAY IMPRISON HEADS OF TRUSTS

Attorney-General Announces
That Officers Will Be
Prosecuted.

ASKS NEW LEGISLATION

Roosevelt Wishes Supplementary
Statistics That Will Enable
Government to Prosecute.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 13.—The crashing of stocks, the wailing of Wall Street, the defiance of E. H. Harriman, the dire prophecies of John D. Rockefeller and the protests of the Standard Oil Company all find Attorney-General Bonaparte, the head of the legal machinery of the government, unmoved and determined upon activities that will make interesting reading for the public in the next few months.

From remarks dropped yesterday and to-day by the Attorney-General the future policy of his department as to trust offenses will be somewhat changed. Hereafter prosecution of the heads of the great combines that have been violating the laws will be sought, and not so much emphasis laid on punishing the companies over which they preside.

Recently carrying out an agreement reached between himself and President Roosevelt, Mr. Bonaparte announces that violation of laws by trusts will be met by imprisonment of the heads of the combines as well as inflictions of fines upon the combines themselves. He indicates that the country is to have some object lessons in stripes for millionaire executives of law-defying combines.

Individual Cannot Be Ignored.
The views of the Attorney-General are summed up in this one expression from the head of the Department of Justice: "It is difficult for the lay mind to see how a corporation can be guilty of violating the laws and how the president."

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MUCH BETTER TONE IN STOCK MARKET

Higher Prices in London Pro-
duce Sharp Recovery in
New York.

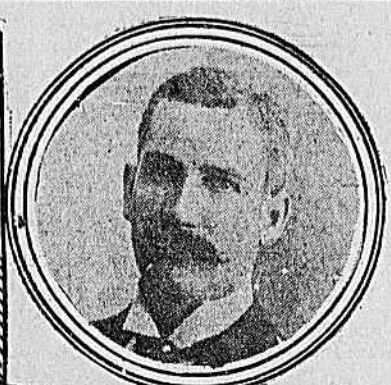
NEW YORK, August 13.—Both abroad and at home the security markets to-day displayed a decidedly better tone. Prices were higher at London and at the continental centers. British consols showing for the first time in over a week a really sharp recovery.

With the improvement abroad the foreign selling on our market was checked, and upward rates on sterling exchange halted. It was the testimony of close observers of the trading that a stronger class of buyers had appeared since yesterday, and that the genuine purchasing power of the market as distinguished from speculative support had distinctly improved.

At the afternoon session Mr. Chandler said that the incompetency of Mrs. Eddy was established by the trust deed which she executed on March 6th, by which she transferred all her property beyond her control.

Her incompetency, he added, is further shown by her evasion of taxes in the city of Concord.

He said in closing that Mrs. Eddy was the victim, not of a solitary delusion, but of a series of systematic delusions which influenced her whole life, and which have resulted, or will result, in acute dementia.



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ALDERMEN VOTE TO INVESTIGATE

Concur in Hobson Resolution to
Inquire Into Alleged Tamper-
ing With Bids.

VALUE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Dabney Wants to Know How
Much Water and Gas Works
Are Worth.

Without a dissenting voice, the Board of Aldermen last night concurred in the Hobson joint resolution to investigate the alleged tampering with bids for wood at the City Home, and also disposed of a great deal of other business of more or less importance, adjourning to meet in special session on August 27th. The attendance was slim, and all ordinary resolutions carrying appropriations of over \$100 had to be passed by a majority of six.

Mr. Dabney offered and secured the adoption of a joint resolution appointing a committee to be composed of the Mayor, the Superintendents of the Water and Light Departments, and the City Engineer, and to ascertain by inventory and appraisal the value of the Gas and Water Works, for use as a basis for striking a correct balance in these two departments at the end of each fiscal year.

President Turpin called the Board to order at 8:25 o'clock, and a number of petitions and resolutions were presented, most of the former having reference to water and sewer connections and privileges.

A communication from the Board of Police Commissioners asked that the salary of the Chief be made \$2,500 per year, and the salaries of the captains and the clerk of the board \$1,500 each. This was referred.

Mr. Reynolds offered by request an ordinance, which was referred, giving the police patrol vehicles the right of way of streets when making calls, and Mr. Dabney got through a resolution allowing the State Fair Association to string its advertising banners across Main and Broad Streets.

Reports from the various committees were then read, but everything carrying appropriations was tabled, owing to the silliness of the attendance of members. Resolution to hold semi-monthly meetings of the Board was defeated.

Mr. Dabney offered the following joint resolution, which was adopted without objection:

Be it resolved by the Council of the city of Richmond, the Common Council concurring:

That a committee, to consist of the Mayor, the Superintendent of the Gas-works, the Superintendent of the Water-works, and the City Engineer, be appointed to ascertain by inventory and appraisal the value of the Gas and Water Works, for use as a basis for striking a correct balance in these two departments at the end of each fiscal year.

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TOWN GOES DRY BY SINGLE VOTE

Drys Carry Woodstock After
Hard-Fought Battle, Making
County for Prohibition.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WOODSTOCK, VA., August 13.—After a hard-fought battle in the local option election held here to-day the dries won by the small majority of one. The vote stood 115 to 114.

The Anti-Saloon League worked hard in connection with a number of prominent men of the town, and during the day a number of prayer-meetings were held. As Woodstock is the only place in Shenandoah county where saloons exist, the county will join the prohibition list.

MANY GO OUT, BUT WIRES STILL WORK

Service of Telegraph Com-
panies Crippled; Not
Stopped in Richmond.

BOTH SIDES MAKE CLAIMS

Companies Say Conditions Are
Improving, While Strikers De-
clare Ninety Per Cent.
Men Throughout the
Country Have
Quit.

On receipt of orders from President Small, of the national association, thirty-nine operators, employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company at the main office in Richmond, walked out at 12 o'clock yesterday. At 7 o'clock in the evening six operators in the Postal office struck. At 10 o'clock last night a "rapport" counted sixteen operators at work in the Western Union office and four at the keys in the Postal office, across the street.

According to statements made by Telegraph operators the number on strike in Richmond is larger than the number that walked out yesterday. The list, as given below, takes into account the actual number who quit at the hours stated. There are, however, many others who were not on duty at the time, and they, it is asserted, will stand by the colors of the union. In this way, the list may be larger. Some of the strikers' estimates for the Western Union run as high as 70, and for the Postal up to nine.

After the passage of the resolutions at the meeting on Monday night, the general walk-out of the men was somewhat surprising to the public, which had believed from the newspaper accounts published yesterday morning that there would be no trouble here, especially in view of the statement by the present strike leader that there was no local grievance. The operators had agreed, however, that they would quit tomorrow at 10 o'clock, and they merely carried out this plan.

The failure of the Postal force to desert at various causes, the real nature of which was not clearly understood. When asked last night to explain it, a leading figure in the union said that it was due to a "case of weak-knees."

At 1 o'clock this morning the Postal office closed—two hours earlier than usual. It was explained that the night force had been greatly rushed, and a part of it may go on duty this morning.

URGES AGAINST DISORDER! CONDEMN'S INTERFERENCE

Though the strike, of course, interfered to a large extent with the regular transmission of business by the telegraph companies, the fact that they were not forced to shut up the doors and decline to accept messages was somewhat surprising to the public, which to the more aggressive leaders of the movement. The leased wire of the Associated Press, serving the News Leader, worked as usual yesterday, and the night leased wire of The Times-Dispatch was not added to the night strike. The operators receiving the reports from the Western Union office instead of in the Times-Dispatch building, this being due partly to interference by strikers. When the matter was reported to Strike Leader Hervey he declared that there was no justification for it, and added that he would give it his personal attention to-day. It is his opinion that the operators had been urged to conduct themselves properly, without disorder of any kind, and though there was no disorder in the newspaper office, Mr. Hervey did not think the appearance of strikers there was the proper thing.

When the word was passed around in the Western Union office to strike the men went out quietly. There were conflicting reports as to the number, but Superintendent Maxwell last night gave out a list containing the names of thirty-nine. In the same way Superintendent Riddle, of the Postal, gave the names of his six strikers. During the afternoon the men held a meeting in Dabney's Hall and discussed the situation for two hours. Speeches were made advising them not to break the law. At this meeting Mr. Hervey, who had talked against a strike, on the ground that the constitution did not authorize it, and for the other reason that there was no local grievance, was appointed strike leader.

There does not appear to be any foundation for the report that long distance telephone operators will be called out on a sympathetic strike. The business in and out of Richmond yesterday was normal, and the company does not anticipate trouble. The wires are open for the use of the public.

NO INTERRUPTION IN HANDLING OF TRAINS

The Order of Railway Telegraphers is not involved in the present controversy, and consequently there is no interference with the movement of trains, the transmission of train orders, and railroad business generally. There are different reports, however, about the handling of commercial business. A message came from St. Louis, bearing the signature of Secretary Quick, of the order, to the effect that the men must not handle other than railroad business. Subsequently this telegram was branded by Secretary Quick as a fake, and he sent out the following order, which was personally verified by General Superintendent Levin, of the Western Union:

ST. LOUIS, August 12.—To members Order Railway Telegraphers: Am informed message purporting to have been signed by me, is being sent over the railroad wires, instructing railway telegraphers to refuse to handle Western Union business. That message is a fake. Pay no attention to messages of that character. You are requested to strictly observe your agreement with the railroad companies. You should perform the same duties now that you did before the